REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 - 15 and 17 - 21 are pending at issue. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 - 13 and 19 - 21 stand allowed. Independent claim 14 stands rejected on prior art grounds along with dependent claim 17. Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2. Claim 18 is listed on the summary sheet as objected to but the claim is not directly addressed in the detailed action. Claim 18 is presumed to recite allowable subject matter.

Above, claim 14 has been amended to recite subject matter similar to that of claim 18, which has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 14 has been amended slightly and references first and second garbage collections, where claim 18 referenced first and second memory management routines. Applicants submit that claim 14, as amended, is in condition for allowance for similar reasons to those pertaining to claim 18.

Claim 15 has been canceled.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance – claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 - 14, 17 and 19 - 21. Timely confirmation of the same is respectfully requested.

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